

Perils of the Revolution.

The Schuyler mansion was the theatre of a romance in the Summer of 1781. General Schuyler was not then in active military service, but, at his house at Albany or at Saratoga, he was the vigilant eye of the Northern Department. His person as a prisoner was coveted as a capital prize by his Tory neighbors. Walter Meyer, a Tory colleague of the famous Joe Belty, was employed to execute a scheme for the seizure and abduction of the General. With a party of his associates, Canadians and Indians, he prowled in the woods near Albany for many days, and ascertained the exact situation of affairs at Schuyler's house from a Dutchman whom he had seized at his work. He learned that a guard of six men were there for the protection of Schuyler's person, three of them alternately on duty continually. The Dutchman was compelled to take an oath of secrecy. He did so with a mental reservation, and as soon as he was released he hastened to Schuyler and warned him of his peril.

As the twilight of a sultry day in August was yielding to the night, Schuyler and his family were sitting in the great hall of the mansion; the servants were about the premises; three of the guard were asleep in the basement, and the other three were lying on the grass in front of the mansion. A servant announced that a person at the back gate wished to speak with the General. His errand was understood. The doors and windows of the mansion were immediately closed and barred, the family were gathered together in an upper room, and the General ran to his bedroom for his arms. Looking out of a window, he saw the house surrounded by armed men. To alarm the town, half a mile distant, he fired a pistol from his window. At the same moment the intruders burst open the front door. At that instant Mrs. Schuyler perceived that in the confusion she had left her infant in a cradle in the hall below. She was about to rush down the stairs after it, when the General interposed and prevented her. Her third daughter, Margaret (who was afterward the wife of the last Patriot), instantly flew down the great staircase, snatched the sleeping babe from the cradle, and bore it up to its mother. One of the Indians hurled a sharp tomahawk at her. It's keen blade just grazed the infant's head, and was buried in the railing of the stairs. Meyer, supposing her to be a servant, called to her as she flew up the stairs, "Where's your master?" With a quick thought she exclaimed, as she reached the verge of the upper hall, "Gone to alarm the town!" Her father heard her, and with a quick thought threw up a window and called out, as to a multitude, "Come on, my brave fellows! Surround the house and secure the villains!" The alarmed marauders who were plundering the General's dining-room of the plate, fled in haste, carrying away some of their booty. The infant was the late Mrs. Catherine Van Rensselaer Cochran, General Schuyler's youngest child, who died at Oswego in the summer of 1857.

A Fair Exchange.

A popular minister is fond of telling the following laughable story of the great reward he once received for marrying a young couple: He was waited upon one evening, in a rural village, by a young man, a stranger, who asked the minister to come to a certain street with him. On arriving at the house designated, the young man left the minister in a modest little parlor, but soon returned, supporting in his arm a comely young woman, who was introduced as a bride-elect. The twain were made one and the usual awkward pause followed. The disagreeable silence was broken by the groom, who inquired if Mr. S. was fond of dogs. "Oh, yes," was the reply; when the young man disappeared for a few moments, and then returned, followed by a small terrier. The little animal was put through a variety of tricks, very expert and amusing, and the minister arose to take his departure—and his fee. The bridegroom assisted Mr. S.—on with his overcoat, and remarked: "Well, now, Mr. S., you've married me; that's your trade. I showed my trick-dog to you; that's my trade. You generally get five dollars for your job; I get as much for an evening's entertainment. I guess we are about square, eh?" Mr. S.—assured the gentleman that the existing relations between them were friendly, and expressing a polite hope that the groom would derive as much pleasure and profit by his part of the transaction as he had done from his, withdrew, the groom by a new experience.

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